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An Honorable Retirement

By Lisa Aug, CFC Communications

CFC is notorious for asking, and receiving, work and dedication above and beyond the call of duty from its employees. We ask no less from our equipment and supplies. But 24 years is beyond what even we can ask of the carpet and wallpaper in the 4th Floor executive suite.

This week workers began replacing the carpet and repainting in the Secretary's pod. They will also replace the stove and other equipment in the small kitchen. Most of the material to be replaced dates back to the opening of this building in 1976.

Secretary Miller, Brenda Brewer and Donna Britton have moved into the outer office area while workers renovate the inner offices. Then they will move to the inner section during the outer office renovation.

Work on the executive pod will finish by June 30. Sometime in August, depending on the schedule of moves and renovation by the Cabinet for Health Services, the Great CFC-CHS Floor Swap will resume with the transfer of CFC Division of Personnel staff from the 5th Floor to the space currently occupied by CHS' Office of Investigator General on the 4th Floor. Finance and Accounting staff will not move until after state and federal year-end close-outs are complete in October.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the move, please send them to lisa.aug@mail.state.ky.us.

Questions About Deferred Compensation...

KY Deferred Compensation representative Jolene VanHorne will be in the lobby of the CHR Building on the first Thursday of every month to meet with participants and potential participants. The next date is scheduled for July 6. She will sign up new participants and will also be available to help current participants who wish to make changes to their accounts. She will be stationed in the lobby, near the windows, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. If you have questions, call Jolene at (502) 573-7925.

A New Beginning Was Just the Beginning

By Margaret Harney, CFC Communications

The New Beginning celebration, held May 25 in the CHR Cafeteria, was more than a follow-up to the Let's Talk discussion groups. It was also the beginning of a concerted effort, sponsored by the Quality Central Connection team, to help CFC employees feel more connected to each other and the agency.

Approximately 70 Quality Central employees volunteered to work on issues identified during the Let's Talk sessions. Those employees are invited to meet with the Quality Central Connection team at 9:30 a.m. June 14 in the CHR Cafeteria. Other employees who may like to volunteer to work on an issue are also invited to attend the meeting. After a short introduction, volunteers will divide into work groups to focus on particular issues.

Making connections won't be all work. Fun is also planned, beginning with a cookout for employees in July. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

If you signed up to be a link in the "chain" connecting Quality Central employees with field staff, but have not been matched yet, be patient. Links from the field are coming in slowly, while there has been a big response from quality central staff. Approximately 125 Quality Central employees remained unmatched. Interested field staff are encouraged to respond as soon as possible to Lane Kemp. Remember to include your name, phone number and the town where you work. All matches will be published in the June issue of CFC Online, coming soon.

Retirement Reception

John Newton, OTS/Network Support Branch, is retiring after more than 30 years service in state government. A retirement reception will be held in his honor from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30, in the small room in the CHR Building cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend and wish John well in his retirement. If you have questions, contact Renee Ruble at (502) 573-3850.

Helpful Web Sites

Compiled by Margaret Davis Harney

If you've found a helpful site you would like to share in this column, e-mail it to Margaret Davis Harney. (Note: This column is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to be an endorsement for any site or its content.)

Personnel/Retirement Planning

http://www.ssa.gov/retire – A Social Security Administration site that includes how to calculate your benefits and other retirement planning advice. Thanks to John Moreland of the OPS Personnel Administration Branch for submitting it.

Training

<u>http://www.pcshowandtell.com/shows.asp</u> – Free on-line tutoring on computer software. This site was also submitted by John Moreland.

Health

<u>http://www.netwellness.org</u> – Consumer health information. http://www.pedinfo.org – Pediatric health.

Miscellaneous

http://www.kyenvironment.org – The new site for the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

<u>http://www.kycares.org</u> – A directory of resources available throughout Kentucky.

News

http://www.weather.com/weather/us/zips/40502.html — Weather information.

http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/cfconline/may2000/index.htm—The premiere edition of *CFC Online*, a new online magazine for all CFC employees.

Welfare Reform

http://snril.ca.uky.edu/welfare/welfarereform.htm -- Data by county on employment, poverty, K-TAP recipients and more.

KHSA Signup June 9

Anyone interested in joining the Kentucky Human Services Association may sign up in the lobby of the CHR Building on Friday, June 9, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

KHSA membership is open to anyone interested in helping to meet the state's human services needs. It strives to improve those services and the employee benefits of those who deliver them.

Summer Concert Benefits Women and Families Center

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC Communications

Country music fans can enjoy a night of entertainment from four popular performers while helping Louisville-area families this summer.

Martina McBride, Reba McEntire, LeAnn Rimes and Trisha Yearwood will perform at 7 p.m., July 15 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Center for Women and Families.

The center is a nonprofit agency for women and families affected by domestic violence, rape/sexual assault and economic deprivation. The center's main office is in Louisville, and it serves seven Kentucky counties and seven counties in Southern Indiana.

Tickets are \$25, \$35 and \$45. For tickets or more information about the concert, call Ticketmaster at (859) 281-6644, (502) 361-3100 or TDD (800) 359-2525.

Sick Leave Needs

Janice Farler, an employee in CFC's Office of Technology Services, is currently on leave due



to surgery. She will be off work for 4 to 6 weeks. Her leave balance will be exhausted as of May 19. If you would like to donate time, contact Diana Hemze at 564-1634, ext. 111.

Sandy Leadingham, an employee in the Ashland Child Support Office (FIVCO REGION), is currently on leave. She had exhausted her leave time as of May 3. If you would like to donate time, contact Lynn Moore at 606-920-2046.

CFC Online for June

Keep your eyes peeled for the new issue of *CFC Online*! The new issue will be out in

just a week or so and will focus on foster care and adoption and independent living.

Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinet for Families and Children, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for Pipeline are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Call (502) 564-6786 or send information to Patricia Boler at Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us